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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMEMBASSY RABAT

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 7226

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR,PBOR,SP,MR,MO,AG

SUBJECT: SAUDI SUPPORT TO MOROCCAN CLAIMS TO SPANISH SAHARA

REF: JIDDA 7005

1. LT. GENERAL MANSOUR SHU'AIBI, COMMANDER OF THE SAUDI MILITARY FORCES IN THE WESTERN PROVINCE, INFORMED AMBASSADOR QADRI AT THE IRANIAN RECEPTION OCT 26 THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAD DECIDED TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO MOROCCO AND ITS CLAIM TO SPANISH SAHARA. PRINCE SULTAN, SAUDI DEFENSE MINISTER, HAS JUST DECIDED TO SEND 25 MEN TO PARTICIPATE IN KING HASSAN'S MARCH SOUTH. GENERAL SHU'AIBI SAID THAT SAUDI ARABIA KNEW MAURITANIA AND ALGERIA WOULD BE OFFENDED, BUT SAUDI ARABIA CONCLUDED IT MUST GIVE MOROCCO THIS SUPPORT BECAUSE ITS POSITION WAS JUST.

2. AMBASSADOR QADRI LISTENED UNTIL GENERAL SHU'AIBI HAD FINISHED AND THEN TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS VERY INTERESTED TO HEAR THIS AND ADDED, "I'M SURE IT WILL BE EVEN MORE INTERESTING TO MY MOROCCAN COLLEAGUE; I'M THE AMBASSADOR OF ALGERIA."

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3. GENERAL SHU'AIBI WHO WAS KNOWN LOCALLY AS "BLUE BEARD" (HE DYES HIS BEARD BLUE - NOTHING MORE SINISTER) BLANCHED AND WALKED AWAY WITHOUT SAYING ANOTHER WORD BUT OBVIOUSLY HOPING THIS STORY WOULD NOT GET BACK TO HIS SUPERIORS.

4. AMBASSADOR QADRI TOLD ME THE STORY HIMSELF WITH GREAT AMUSEMENT AND I HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT IT. IT FITS IN REASONABLY WELL WITH THE SAUDI POSITION AS RELATED TO ME BY PRINCE SAUD (REFTEL). I HAD SEEN PRINCE SULTAN EARLIER THE SAME DAY (OCT 26) BUT THE SUBJECT WAS NOT RAISED.  
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